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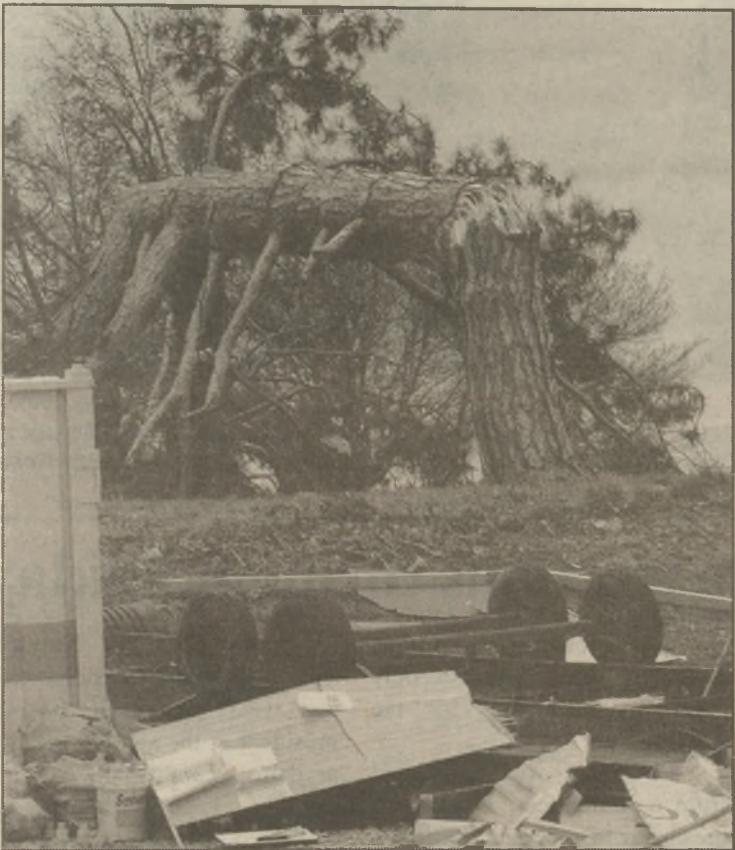
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Spring storms



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Sunday's thunderstorms apparently flipped a Korte Co. trailer and struck a tree near the construction site of what will become the Spring Green Lodge on University Park Drive.

Psych project earns kudos

ELIZABETH SCHMITT
NEWS STRINGER

For SIUE's senior assignment, lightning does strike twice.

Just as the senior assignment is credited with SIUE's mention in U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges, it also earned the psychology department national recognition with the Council of Higher Education Accreditation award in March.

The CHEA award is a national award recognizing the tracking of student learning outcomes in education. This is the first year the award has been offered.

Assistant Provost Sue Thomas asked Psychology Department Chair Bryce Sullivan to complete an application that showcased the department's dedication to quality education.

Sullivan's focus revolved around the senior assignment, also known as the capstone experience.

"We've done a lot of good work in our senior assignment program over the years," Sullivan said. "It really highlights the integration of teaching and research."

Thomas also praised the department's work in regard to the senior assignment.

SIUE received one of only four awards offered for Institutional Progress in Student Learning Outcomes across the country, with 32 universities having submitted applications.

According to CHEA, a committee was formed from all over the country and it based its decision on four criteria. Articulating and providing evidence of outcomes, providing evidence of success with regard to outcomes, informing the public about outcomes and using outcomes for institutional

improvement were the factors considered.

Sullivan may have enhanced the department's chances by posting the application on the Internet and creating a Web site to showcase the information.

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*~Psychology Department Chair
Bryce Sullivan*

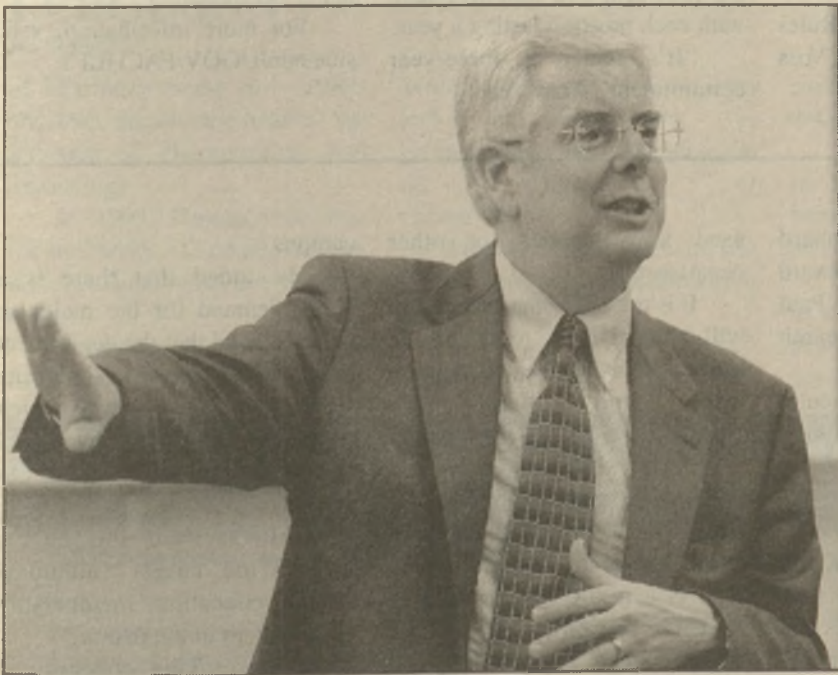
According to Sullivan, he thought it was necessary to include some examples of student work.

His Web site, www.siu.edu/PSYCHOLOGY, looked like the best option.

This is not the first time the Psychology Department has been recognized. In 1994, it received

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Third candidate wants to build campus community relations



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Research and Graduate Studies Vice President Paul W. Ferguson speaks at an open interview Friday in Lovejoy Library. Ferguson was the final candidate in the provost search.

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

The last provost candidate closed out his visit to SIUE Friday by answering questions from faculty and staff.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Research and Graduate

Studies Vice President Paul W. Ferguson answered questions during an open interview in the third floor conference room in Lovejoy Library Friday.

"I never went into academia to become a provost," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said he originally

wanted to be a high school teacher. He said he enjoyed being a mentor and a scholar, so he decided to go into administration.

Ferguson said he enjoys the process of working with faculty and students.

"I would teach if they let me," Ferguson said.

If allowed to teach, Ferguson said he would teach at the School of Pharmacy.

He said that he wishes to stay in touch with the students through "a variety of institutional ways."

Ferguson said he would like to sit in student government meetings and have a good relationship with the vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

"It's critical for a provost to stay connected," Ferguson said.

Ferguson is also a toxicology professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

He previously worked at the University of Louisiana School

Smokin'



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A bush caught on fire Friday outside the Engineering Building. Edwardsville Fire Chief J. Brian Wilson said he suspects a combination of a cigarette and windy conditions ignited the flame. No damages were reported, except for a scorch mark.

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Sophomore speech pathology major Lindsey Cuba tries to stay on a mechanical bull Saturday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom during the Campus Activities Board Gone Crazy Late Night.

Faculty Senate elections through Friday

LAUREL WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE's Faculty Senate is currently holding elections for its next president-elect.

With electronic elections ending Friday, the Faculty Senate members will know who their next president-elect is as soon the Technology Department informs them.

However, the winner should not shock anyone. Kinesiology and Health Education professor and Faculty Senate Curriculum Chair Kay Covington is the only candidate.

"It's not a surprise," Rules and Procedures Chair Eric Voss said.

Voss explained that in the past two years there has only been one candidate for the position.

Covington was nominated from a committee consisting of the chair of Rules and Procedure, the current Faculty Senate president and the current president-elect.

The floor of the Faculty Senate may also select nominees, but the nominees must be Faculty Senate members.

In the Faculty Senate, the person originally elected as the president-elect will then become the president and past-president, with each position lasting a year.

"It's really a three-year commitment," Voss said.

Since professor Kathleen Tunney was the president-elect last year, she will become president at the start of the new academic year this fall.

The Faculty Senate, as explained in its constitution, acts as a governing body for the university faculty with the power to create policies in regard to all academic matters and other matters of faculty concern.

Tunney, as Faculty Senate president, will act as the chair of the Executive Committee.

The position of president-elect is to assist the president in his or her duties.

For more information, visit siue.edu/UGOV/FACULTY.

AWARD

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the Psi Chi Ruth Hubbard Cousins National Chapter Award and in 1996 it received the Paul Simon Teaching Research Award.

Sullivan credits the faculty with the Psychology Department's overall success.

"In my opinion, we have the best faculty in the university," Sullivan said. "The faculty deserves all of the credit, they really care about the students and work closely with them," Sullivan said.

Psychology major Alison Gillings agrees with Sullivan regarding the faculty and staff.

"Every member of the department from the chair to the secretaries goes out of their way to help us excel each and every day," Gillings said.

According to Sullivan, the CHEA award will have a positive effect on the department.

His hopes are that it will be

used as a model for other departments.

It is not likely the curriculum will change as a result of the honor, since a new curriculum went into effect fall 2005.

Through Senior Assignment projects, it was determined that classes needed to be restructured to meet student understanding.

As a result, classes such as Research Design and Statistics I and II, Careers in Psychology and Capstone Seminar were formed.

The benefits of having a degree in psychology go beyond the assumed careers in therapy.

"It is the study of human behavior ... what makes people tick," Sullivan said. "The minority will become a therapist, the majority will work in human resources, sales and management."

Sullivan recognizes the field as one of the most popular on

campus.

He added that there is a "high demand for the major in general," and that the department has to find ways to help the students in a creative way, which could be a workload if the award encourages more students to enroll.

Sullivan said the CHEA award is the "largest institutional higher education membership organization in the nation."

It serves 3,000 colleges and universities.

Sullivan refers back to the senior assignment in response to the award.

"The university's senior capstone experience is one of the ways SIUE is recognized as a premier metropolitan university and this award is a concrete example of this national recognition," Sullivan said.

The Psychology Department will be presented with the award in July.

Housing employees nab awards

HOLLY MEYER
NEWS STRINGER

University Housing Residence Life Associate Director Kathleen Gardner and Prairie Hall Director Lisa Israel were recently recognized by the American College Personnel Association for excellence in their professions and in contributions to the campus.

"They have both received national recognition that is well deserved," Housing Director Michael Schultz said. "Both put in a tremendous amount of hours, and it is not unusual for them to be working until midnight and on the weekends," Schultz added.

"I think we were both proud about the recognition these awards would bring to SIUE and to University Housing," Gardner said in an e-mail interview.

Gardner was named the Outstanding Experienced Professional for 2006.

"It is an honor to be

recognized by my housing and student affairs colleagues on a national level," Gardner said in an e-mail interview.

Israel, Bluff Hall Director Matt Crouse and Michael Schultz nominated Gardner for the award.

"I was very touched by Matt Crouse's nomination letter and by Michael Schultz's letter of support," Gardner said.

"I feel blessed to work with such a talented residence life staff — student staff and professional staff."

"Kathleen is always upbeat, very positive, very professional," Schultz said. "She is committed to the residents and staff she resides over."

Also, Gardner has been elected to serve on the ACPA Executive Council as chair of the Council on Professional Issues.

In addition to Gardner's success, Israel also brought recognition to University Housing and herself.

Israel was named the Outstanding New Professional for 2006.

"It was surprising," Israel said. "I did not know I was even nominated."

Crouse nominated Israel for the award. Gardner said that Israel brings tremendous leadership to her job and was deserving of the award.

"Lisa is an extraordinarily talented student affairs professional," Gardner said. "She was nominated in a very competitive category, so it was exciting to see her win this award."

Through Israel's guidance and supervision, the Horizon's First-Year Experience Program, House Calls and the Faculty Fellows programs have become a part of the Prairie Hall experience.

"We are all very proud of their accomplishments and that they have been recognized nationally," Schultz said.

Former enrollment assistant dies at 57

MATTHEW SCHROYER
NEWS STRINGER

Former Enrollment Management Assistant Director Beverly McLain died Tuesday, March 28. She was 57.

McLain began working at SIUE in 1968 as a secretary for University Placement Services, which is now known as Enrollment Management.

Her work later took her to the School of Business as an Admissions and Records officer

in 1979.

McLain eventually became the permanent Enrollment Management assistant director in 1987.

Although she retired in 2002, she continued to work for the university part time until 2004 in the Office of the Registrar as systems manager.

Records of the Registrar Administrative Associate Lisa Hyde said she remembers McLain for the attitude she

brought to the office.

"She's a hard person to sum up," Hyde said. "She was tiny, but had the heart of a tiger."

McLain wasn't only a staff member, but was also an SIUE graduate.

McLain earned an associate degree in 1974 and a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1979.

"She cared a lot about her workers," Hyde said. "She was a great friend, as well as a great boss."

FERGUSON

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of Pharmacy in the early 1980s and later became the head of the Division of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

In 1995, Ferguson became the university's Graduate Studies and Research vice provost and dean.

Ferguson earned his bachelor's degree in biology at

Whittier College in California and his doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology at the University of California.

Ferguson is the third and last of the three possible candidates to come to SIUE.

The provost search committee began with 60

candidates and narrowed them down to eight.

After off-campus interviews in February, three candidates were invited for open interviews on campus.

The committee is expected to announce its decision on the new provost as soon as possible.

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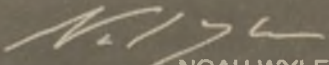
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Immigration necessary for U.S. economy

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

Emma Lazarus’ words, which appear on a plaque at the base of the Statue of Liberty, have always signified America as a safe haven for all. Amidst the recent immigration debate dividing the country, however, America’s open-arms policy has been seriously placed into question.

The hotly-debated legislation that has already passed in the House and is now awaiting consideration in the Senate would make it a felony to enter the United States illegally. It would impose stringent penalties on employers and others who knowingly hire or provide succor to illegal immigrants — as much as a \$25,000 fine per violation. The bill also requires new investments in border security and technology, including a 700-mile wall between the U.S. - Mexico border.

Considered less extreme, the alternative McCain-Kennedy bill differs most obviously in that it offers illegal immigrants what some consider amnesty and provides a measure toward permanent residence and citizenship. Known as a guest-

worker program, this would enable undocumented workers to apply for temporary legal status after six years and eventually grant them citizenship upon proving that they’re employed in the U.S. They also would have to pay a \$2,000 fine, submit to background and security checks, learn civics and English and pay back taxes.

From an economic standpoint, it makes sense that certain occupations — like restaurant cooks, domestic servants and migrant farmers —

growth because they cannot redeem any tax refunds associated with their wages. The New York Times wrote that the Social Security system is supplemented with as much as \$7 billion a year from illegal wages.

If the illegal labor market is curbed, then theoretically, employers will have to raise salaries to attract domestic talent. But after being conditioned to discard menial jobs to those on the periphery for so many years, will Americans bite the bait?

Let’s be honest: We as a

outsourcing as a cost control.

The solution to illegal immigration is difficult and imperfect at best. As a nation founded on and benefiting from centuries of immigration, it is hypocritical and un-American to take down the “vacancy” sign now.

But it is simply not realistic, neither financially nor on a security basis, to welcome everyone. It is one thing to work here honestly and add value to society, but quite another to freeloader and expect social cohesion. Amnesty for those already here appears to be the most plausible solution, but rewarding illegal immigrants while numerous legal immigrants wait in line at the mercy of a government bureaucracy sends a dangerous message of unfairness. As a legal immigrant myself, it took 16 years — not six — before I officially became a citizen.

Illegal immigration will only get worse if unabated. Somehow lawmakers will have to reconcile this and pacify the electorate, without turning the country into a Wild Wild West of minutemen or destroying the American Dream.

Sowmya Krishnamurthy
Michigan Daily
University of Michigan

“The solution to illegal immigration is difficult and imperfect at best.”

are filled by low-skilled immigrant labor. This is because of the discrepancy between foreign and domestic wages — roughly half of Mexico’s population lives on less than \$5 a day, whereas the national minimum wage in this country is \$5.15 an hour. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, illegal immigrants occupy more than 20 percent of unskilled or migrant job positions.

Many of those immigrants actually add to the nation’s fiscal

nation are stingy and are usually willing to risk social conscience for a buck saved. In 2003, Wal-Mart was caught with more than 300 illegal workers in 21 states, but that has not diminished its position as the most successful retailer in the world. Sure, every good liberal brags that she loathes the retail giant but makes an exception when she’s on a budget. If Americans were willing to pay higher prices, employers would not resort to cruel and illegal labor and would only have

Columnist says cheaters should keep quiet

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) - During a conversation about cheating the other day, one of my guy friends proudly announced to me that none of his girlfriends have ever cheated on him.

My head cocked slightly to the side and I smirked as I wondered if his statement was accurate. The nature of cheating includes dishonesty, so how can he ever be sure about something so inherently shady? I was thinking about how my own ex-boyfriends could make the same declarations, but they might not always be true — unbeknownst to them, of course. There is one ex-boyfriend in my repertoire who I cheated on, and to this day, he has no idea. I kept it quiet at the time and there is no reason to tell him now. Mum is for sure the word.

Before you pass judgment on me and decide that I am a fraudulent female, I’ll tell you why hush-hush equals happiness: First, cheating at this age is as common as hangovers; and second, being dishonest about cheating on my ex outweighs hurting his pride, and, at the time, his heart.

I will not deny that honesty

is a virtue, but so is saving someone from potential pain. I cheated on my ex, lied about it, and then did the honest thing and broke up with him. My cheating on him was rooted in something deeper — a lack of interest in the relationship — and ending it was my being truthful, although I might not have told him the whole truth. Of course I did hurt him with the breakup, but it wasn’t a double whammy of “I cheated on you, and by the way, I’m breaking up with you.”

I’ve been cheated on, I’ve cheated and I’ve been an accomplice to a cheater. All sides are confusing, tricky and to say the least, uncomfortable.

For example, I had been in one particularly functional relationship for six months when my boyfriend went to Mexico for a week with his friends. He came back with some weird Mexican gifts (including a fruit bowl with extremely bright sunflowers painted all over it) in addition to a barf bag on which he had written me a note during the plane ride home. The barf-bag note explained that he had done things in Mexico with other females (I’ll spare you the

details) that he totally regretted, but that he wanted to be honest and hoped that I’d forgive him. Furthermore, he assumed we would stay together. Basically, I barfed in the bag, gave it back to him and called it quits on the relationship. Had he just given me the fruit bowl and kept the barf bag to himself, perhaps our relationship would have been fruitful and continued on its functional way. His honesty was our ending.

An example of the opposite approach follows: I have a very good friend who had been dating her boyfriend for a solid year when she went on a vacation with her family. She took a surfing lesson from an extremely tempting and tan instructor. Her “lesson” ended up lasting for the week of the vacation, and let’s just say she somehow gained no surfing skills whatsoever. When she went home and back to her boyfriend, she never mentioned a word about her lessons or her instructor. She and her boyfriend are still happily together to this day. Her dishonesty held them together.

So, if cheating is brought into a relationship’s mix, and the

cheater wants to keep the relationship together, the first step is to stop cheating and the second step is to shut up. Just think: Be still my cheating heart and be quiet my talking mouth. This way, one can avoid jealousy, suspicion and screaming fights. Dishonesty is perhaps undervalued because cheating is bad enough on its own without the aftermath. Anyone who’s been cheated on will attest to that.

And if you think you’ve never been cheated on, I hope you’re right.

Elspeth Keller
Daily Trojan
University of
Southern California

Correction —

The Alestle incorrectly identified Student Government president candidate Carl B. Mitchell’s Web site in Thursday’s edition.

The Web site is www.VoteMitchellCobb.4t.com. The Alestle regrets the error.

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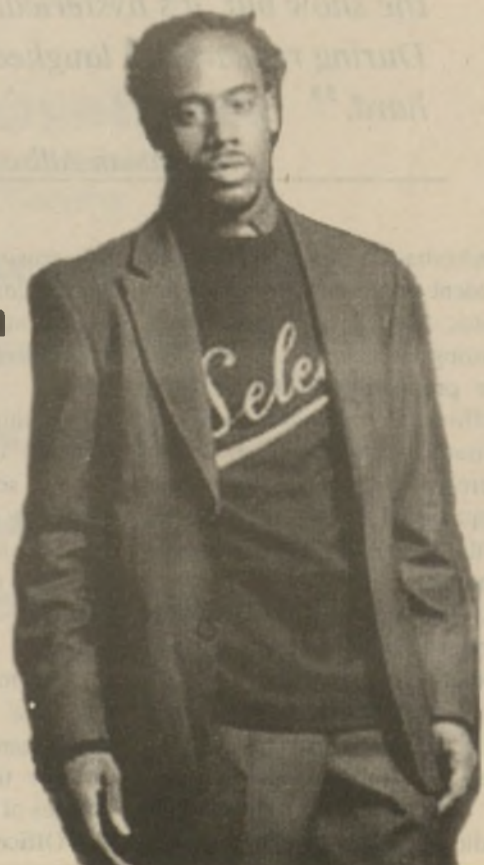
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SIUE student Ryan Henderson visits the art exhibit in the Morris University Center's Art Gallery.

JUSTIN GIBSON
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

The "Observations and Fabrications" art exhibition will feature landscape paintings at the Morris University Center's Art Gallery during the upcoming weeks.

The show will feature paintings by Jane Barrow, Brian Chu, John DenHouter, Kristin Musnug, Kristin Quinn and Erling Sjovold.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Department of Art and Design and is curated by the new area head of Drawing, professor Brigham Dimick.

According to the SIUE website, Dimick was a 2000 Fleisher Challenge Grant recipient and received the Georgia Council of the Arts Artist Grant in 1995.

"I choose all the artists in the

show because they worked thematically together and because they are all strong artists," Dimick said.

The artwork that lines the halls inside the exhibit is varied yet similar. Each artists' use of colors and lines displays the individual's own style and thematic taste.

Before attending the exhibit, anyone who wants to learn about the artists and their artwork can pick up a brochure in the Art Gallery.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the gallery and look around at their leisure.

The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Morris University Center's Art Gallery until the closing day April 21.

Students and faculty wanting to visit the exhibit at an alternate time can call 650-2996 to make an appointment.

SIUE hosts music gala

ASHLEIGH STRINGFIELD
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The SIUE Music Department is hosting its annual spring music gala at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

The event will feature music for listening and dancing, gourmet food and wine and an auction. The SIUE Symphony

come in the full version of the show that runs April 18 to 23 in Dunham Hall Theater.

When asked about what she enjoyed about being in the show, freshman Allison Wamser said, "I can't give too much away about the show, but it's hysterical. During rehearsal, I laughed so hard."

The gala is one of the largest fundraisers that the Music

"I can't give too much away about the show but, it's hysterical. During rehearsal, I laughed so hard."

~Freshman Allison Wamser

Orchestra, Concert Jazz Band and student vocalists will provide the music. The Music Department is hosting the gala as a preview for the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comedic operetta "Pirates of Penzance." J. Calvin Jarrell of the Theater and Dance Department directs the operetta with musical direction by Sandra Bouman.

The gala will showcase a large portion of the first act of the operetta.

"There will be a cast of about 25 actors with a full orchestra for the gala," Bouman said.

The event is giving the audience a taste of what is to

Department and the Friends of Music conduct. Proceeds from the event go to furthering the Friends of Music Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to talented music students. This year, over \$10,000 in scholarships were awarded.

The attire for the event is "black tie optional" and tickets are \$80 per person.

For more information about the gala, contact the Music Department at 650-3799.

For ticket information for "Pirates of Penzance," contact the Box Office at 650-2774.

Josh Wade continues 'Laughs' series

DEEPTI SURAVA
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

SIUE's Just 4 Laughs series continues this week with comedian Josh Wade.

The event will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, in the Prairie Hall Multifunction Room.

The event is being sponsored and organized by Campus Activities Board. Just for Laughs is an on-going program that has been in place for a few years.

"The event is open to everyone and there is no entrance fee," CAB Entertainment Chair Christine Williams said.

Wade has been performing comedy for the past five years. As a child growing up along the Jersey Shore, he produced his own comedic short films using his father's then "brand new" VHS camera. At the age of 12, he won the New Jersey State dramatic pairs competition and was hit with the acting bug.

He has been pursuing his dream ever since. Wade graduated from Villanova University in Pennsylvania with a degree in English and Film, and now lives in New York City. He has performed at hundreds of colleges in the past five years.

Wade's comedy is a blend



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Comedian Josh Wade

of quick-witted observations, funny characterizations and animated improvisations that help give each performance a unique, personal style.

Wade is a regular at New York City clubs and the national college circuit. When he is not performing stand-up, he also works as an actor both on stage and screen.

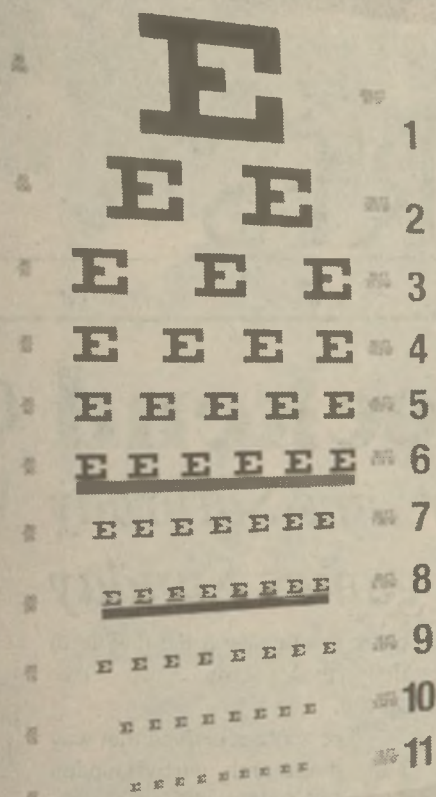
He has appeared in television commercials, print ads and was recently chosen by MTV to pilot their new show, "Room Raiders." He also hosted the VH1 Grammy Awards Viewing Party, introducing acts

such as Coldplay. He was also featured in the pilot "The Extended Family," HBO show "Oz," Comedy Central TV movie "Porn and Chicken," and Star! documentary "We're in the Funny!"

He also performed at the Calgary Comedy Festival and has been featured in "Leftfield Pictures," "Temptation Trailer," "Road to Redemption" and "Three Way."

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Bittersweet weekend

SIUE breaks record streak for wins Saturday and has streak snapped at 25 games Sunday

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The No. 5 SIUE softball team continued its strong stretch of performances, but hit a road bump over the weekend. The Cougars set a new school record for the longest winning streak, but saw that streak snapped one day later.

Heading into the last game of four played over the weekend, Gannon University snapped the

The streak of 25 consecutive wins broke the previous school record of 24 games.

The loss was a real heart breaker as SIUE fell 5-2 against Gannon in eight innings.

"They got a timely hit, and we didn't," Montgomery said.

The Knights started out the scoring early with a two-run home run by senior first baseman Joanna Fergus.

The Cougars tied the game up in the fourth on a two-run

came through with the double to tie the game at two apiece.

The score remained that way until the eighth when Gannon senior outfielder Allison Gerber drove in the game-winning run with a double. Freshman utility player Kara Hensley added two more insurance runs on another double.

Sabra McCune pitched all eight innings giving up five runs on nine hits and striking out nine. The loss dropped her to 14-3 on the season.

"McCune is one of the better pitchers in the country," Montgomery said.

Senior outfielder Alicia DeShasier and Ohlau both went two for four in the game and combined for half of the team's hits. Before the streak was snapped, the Cougars had won three straight games over the weekend.

The early game on Saturday faced SIUE off against Salem

Outdoor track begins

Women get off on right track

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE women's track and field team made a few strides in its first outdoor competition of the year.

Although the team was not scored in the tournament, several individuals posted noteworthy performances.

Southwest Missouri State University took the women's title at the 25th Annual Gatorade Classic in Cape Girardeau, Mo., with 171 points. The Cougars took sixth with 50 points, behind Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Western Illinois University.

The SIUE relay teams took first place in both the 4x100 and the 4x400 meter relays. Three individual athletes also took first places.

SIUE junior Tairisha Sawyer placed first in the 200 with a time of 24.79 seconds. Freshman Angel Royston came in third.

Freshman Deserea Brown won both the 400 and the 400-meter hurdles. Sawyer came in second in the 400, while Royston came in fourth.

"[Sawyer] did very well in her individual events, and was also on both of the relay teams," SIUE Head Coach Ben Beyers said. "Tai is a veteran at this point in her career. To see her have a great meet, opening the season, is really good. She has big goals for herself for the rest of this year."

The Cougars also nabbed third and fifth place finishes in the 400-meter hurdles. SIUE juniors Valerie Simmons and Julia Scherer crossed the finish line at 1:05.66 and 1:08.80, respectively.

"Deserea Brown had a great day. She qualified for Nationals in three events. She is building, learning more and more at each meet. She's just a freshman and I see her getting stronger and stronger," Beyers said.

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"We didn't focus on setting the record a whole lot, unlike other people did."

~SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery

Cougars' win streak of 25 in extra innings.

"We didn't focus on setting the record a whole lot, unlike other people did," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "Our goal is to keep winning games and not lose."

double by junior outfielder Jodie Ohlau. The inning started off with back-to-back singles. Then designated hitter sophomore Mallory Ruggles laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners. Ohlau batted next and

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An SIUE batter readies to swing at a pitch during a recent game at Cougar Field.

JEFF RULE/ALESTLE

SIUE men make strong showing

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's track and field team competed in its first outdoor showing of the season at last weekend's Gatorade Classic in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Two Cougars logged first place performances, while several other SIUE athletes made their presence felt.

The Cougars came in 10th place, trailing Murray State University, which finished with 33.5 points in the meet, by half a point and Tennessee State University by one point. Rend Lake College earned the title with 111.5 points.

SIUE senior Brian Taghon represented the Cougars well in the distance-running events, taking first in the 5000-meter run. Taghon finished with a time of 15 minutes, 11.82 seconds.

"Brian ran a tremendous race in the 5000-meter. He red-shirted in the indoor season with a minor injury. He looks healthy and will be a tough competitor," SIUE

Assistant Coach Ben Beyers said.

Fellow senior Dustin Bilbruck won the javelin throw, nearing the 200-foot mark in his first toss of the outdoor season.

"It was another big throw [for Bilbruck]. He made the national list in the javelin. He's very excited to go farther and maybe make it to nationals this year," Beyers said.

The Cougars came in second seven times in the tournament. Senior Phil Freimuth placed second behind Bilbruck in the javelin throw with a 192-foot heave and also tied for second with two other runners in the men's high jump. Freimuth, Rend Lake College's Tommy Bryan III and Southeast Missouri State University's Ryan Doty all made jumps of 6 feet, 4 inches.

SIUE sophomore Kyle Rose placed second in the 400. Junior Jonathan Bannister finished the 400-meter hurdles in 53.86 seconds, earning him a second-place finish.

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SIUE senior Holly Noller represented the Cougars well in the fielding events, placing first in the javelin throw with a toss of 138 feet. Noller also earned second in the shot put at 46 feet, 8.75 inches, third in discus and third in hammer throw with 152-06.

"This is Holly's last season and she wants to go out with a bang. She set a personal record in the javelin this weekend. She's throwing well right now and I'm sure she will continue that," Beyers said. "Callie was All-American in the indoor season

and was All-American last year in the hammer throw. I'm anxious to see her continue to improve throughout the season."

Junior Callie Glover won the hammer throw, with a launch of 167-07. Glover also placed second in the discus throw with a mark of 133-09.

SIUE returns to action when the team hosts the Cougar Classic this weekend, beginning Friday at Ralph Korte Stadium.

"It's exciting to see these girls that work so hard get rewards at these big meets," Beyers said.

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SIUE junior Anthony Weber notched another second-place finish for SIUE in the pole-vault category. Other second-place performances for the Cougars came from senior Ben Willard in the shot put and freshman Kris Kombrink in the hammer throw. Willard turned in a toss of 52-05.25, while Kombrink notched a toss of 167-10.

Senior Cougar Steve Landers ended in third place twice. He placed just behind Willard in the shot put with a 49-09.25-foot toss. Landers finished

right in front of Willard in the discus throw, going for a mark of 158-05.

"Overall, we were very happy about the first meet. We definitely have goals, like winning the conference championship again," Beyers said. "We need to keep people healthy. We're good to go. I'm excited to be along for the ride."

SIUE hopes to benefit from a home-field advantage as it hosts the Cougar Classic this weekend, beginning Friday at Ralph Korte Stadium.

Cougars begin spring season



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SIUE freshman midfielder Bob Ridder, right, battles for the ball during a Cougar spring match-up against the Busch Seniors at the SIUE practice field Saturday.

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International. They won the game 6-0 on a two-hit shutout by freshman pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo. Colosimo had five strikeouts and is now 9-0 on the season.

"Colosimo has great movement on the ball," Montgomery said.

DeShasier had a home run in the first to start off the scoring in.

The Cougars added three more runs in the second with help from an error and a home steal. DeShasier doubled in the third and scored on a wild pitch. She ended the game two for three with two runs, an RBI, a homerun and a double.

The next victory was 5-1 over West Virginia Wesleyan. McCune pitched another great game allowing one run and five hits, to go along with five strikeouts. She currently has a 1.53 earned run average.

The Cougars got out to an early lead in the third on an RBI double by senior second baseman Holly Neuerburg. Neuerburg was driven in on a bunt by sophomore catcher Ashley Price.

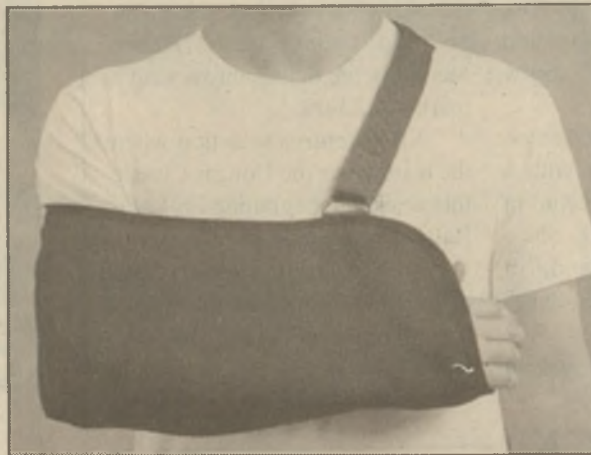
SIUE added three more in the fifth, two of which were scored on doubles by junior Libby Lenart and sophomore Kaeleigh Roussey.

The Cougars' next victim was West Liberty State by a score of 4-1. Colosimo pitched four and two thirds shutout innings giving up two hits and notching three strikeouts.

SIUE scored a run in the first, third, fifth and sixth innings. Lenart and Roussey had two of the RBIs and the other two were unearned.

The Cougars next game is at noon, Saturday at Highland Heights, Ky., against Northern Kentucky.

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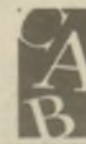
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SIUE junior hurler Sabra McCune, who is 14-3 on the year, winds up to deliver a pitch during a recent Cougar home game.

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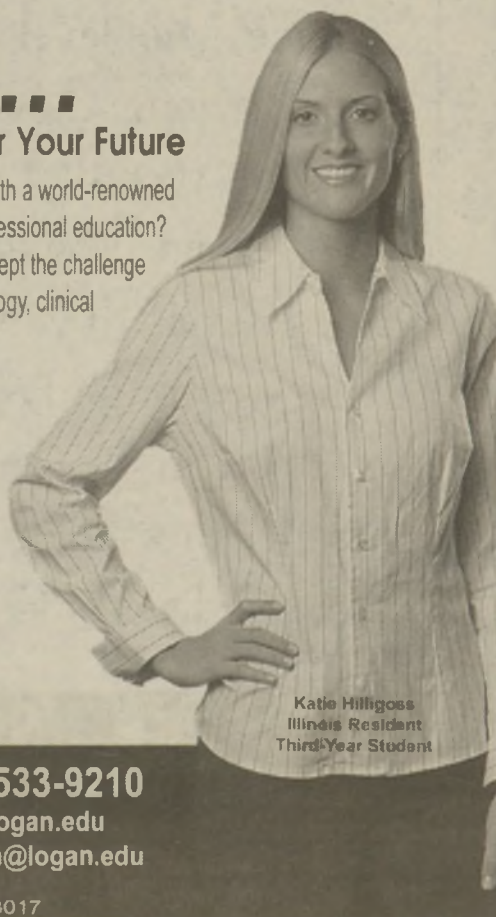
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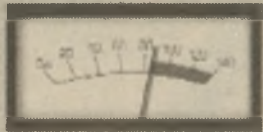
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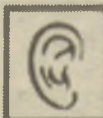
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